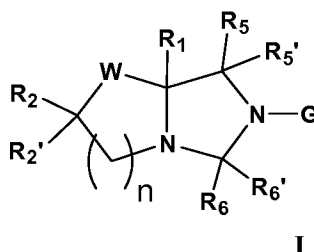


IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound or a prodrug ester or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a stereoisomer thereof according to formula I



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is selected from hydrogen (H), ~~alkyl or substituted alkyl~~, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, CONR<sub>4</sub>R<sub>4</sub>' and CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>4</sub>;

R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>' are each independently selected from hydrogen (H), alkyl, substituted alkyl, SR<sub>3</sub>, halo, NHR<sub>4</sub>, NHCOR<sub>4</sub>, NHCO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, NHCONR<sub>4</sub>R<sub>4</sub>' and NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub>;

and at least one of R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>' is H or alkyl[.];

R<sub>3</sub> in each functional group is independently selected from hydrogen (H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, CHF<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub> and COR<sub>4</sub>;

R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>4</sub>' in each functional group are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl;

R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>' are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl and arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, wherein at least one of R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>' is hydrogen, or R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>5</sub>' taken together can form a double bond with oxygen (O), sulfur (S), NR<sub>7</sub> or CR<sub>7</sub>R<sub>7</sub>';

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>6</sub>' are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, and arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, ~~and aryl or substituted aryl~~, wherein at least one of R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>6</sub>' is hydrogen, or R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>6</sub>' taken together can form a double bond with oxygen (O), sulfur (S), ~~NR<sub>7</sub>~~ or CR<sub>7</sub>R<sub>7</sub>';

$R_7$  and  $R_7'$  in each functional group are each independently selected from hydrogen(H),  $OR_4$ , alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl ~~and heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl~~;

G is an aryl group, wherein said group is mono- or polycyclic, and which is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydrogen, halo, CN,  $CF_3$ ,  $OR_4$ ,  $CO_2R_4$ ,  $NR_4R_4'$ ,  $CONR_4R_4'$ ,  $CH_2OR_4$ , alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl; and

W is selected from  $(CR_6R_6')$ ,  $C(R_6)OR_3$ , or  $C(R_6)(NR_4R_4')[,]_2$ ;

n is an integer of 1;

wherein the variables  $R_1, R_2, R_2', R_4, R_4', R_5, R_5', R_6, R_6'$  or W independently does not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle, the variables  $R_1, R_2, R_2', R_4, R_4', R_5, R_5', R_6, R_6'$  or W independently is not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle, the variable G does not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle, and the variable G is not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle;

with the following provisos:

(a) when  $R_5$  and  $R_5'$  and/or  $R_6$  and  $R_6'$  form a double bond with  $CR_7R_7'$ , when either  $R_7$  or  $R_7'$  is  $OR_4$ ,  $R_4$  is not hydrogen;

(b) excluding compounds where the following occur simultaneously:

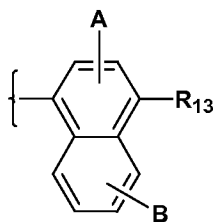
$R_2$  or  $R_2'$  are hydrogen, halo,  $NHCO_2R_4$ ,  $NHCONR_4R_4'$  or  $NHSO_2R_4$ ;

$R_5$  and  $R_5'$  are hydrogen or form a double bond with oxygen or sulfur;

$R_6$  and  $R_6'$  are hydrogen, alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, wherein at least one of  $R_6$  and  $R_6'$  is hydrogen, or  $R_6$  and  $R_6'$  taken together form a double bond with oxygen (O), sulfur (S) or  $NR_7$ ;

$R_7$  is hydrogen, alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, aryl or substituted aryl, or heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl; and

G has the following structure:



wherein

$R_{13}$  is selected from hydrogen (H), cyano (-CN), nitro (-NO<sub>2</sub>), halo, heterocyclo, OR<sub>14</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>15</sub>, CONHR<sub>15</sub>, COR<sub>15</sub>, S(O)<sub>p</sub>R<sub>15</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>15</sub>R<sub>15</sub>', NHCOR<sub>15</sub> and NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>15</sub>;

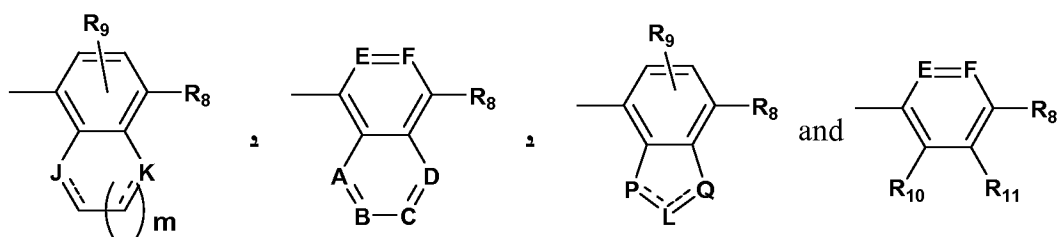
$R_{14}$  in each functional group is independently selected from hydrogen (H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, CHF<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub> and COR<sub>15</sub>;

$R_{15}$  and  $R_{15}'$  in each functional group are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl or substituted heterocycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, aryl or substituted aryl, heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl and -CN;

A and B are each independently selected from hydrogen (H), halo, cyano(-CN), nitro(-NO<sub>2</sub>), alkyl or substituted alkyl and OR<sub>14</sub>; and

p is an integer from 0 to 2.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein G is selected from:



wherein

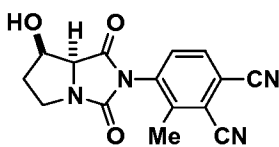
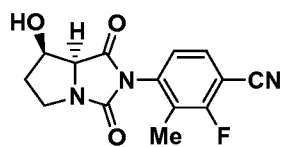
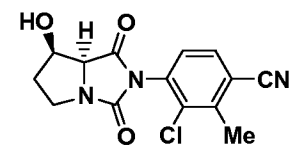
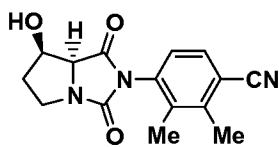
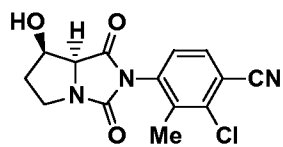
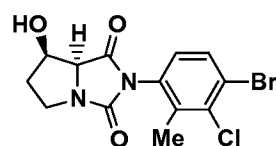
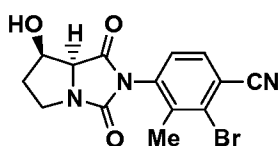
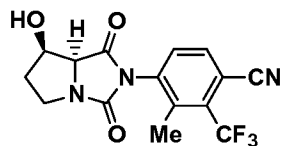
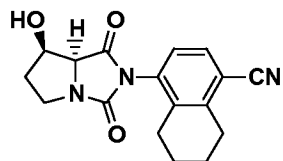
$R_8$ ,  $R_9$ ,  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  are each independently selected from hydrogen (H), NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, CF<sub>3</sub>, OR<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>4</sub>, NR<sub>4</sub>R<sub>4</sub>', CONR<sub>4</sub>R<sub>4</sub>', CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>4</sub>, alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl; and aryl or substituted aryl;

A to F is each independently selected from CR<sub>9</sub>;

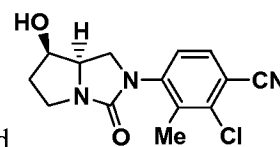
J, K, L, P and Q are each independently selected from CR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>12</sub>';

$R_{12}$  and  $R_{12}'$  in each functional group are each independently selected from a bond or  $R_1$ ; and  $m$  is an integer of 0 or 1.

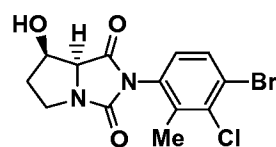
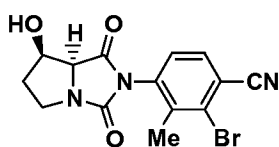
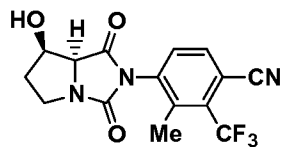
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein  $R_8$  is CN.
5. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 selected from:

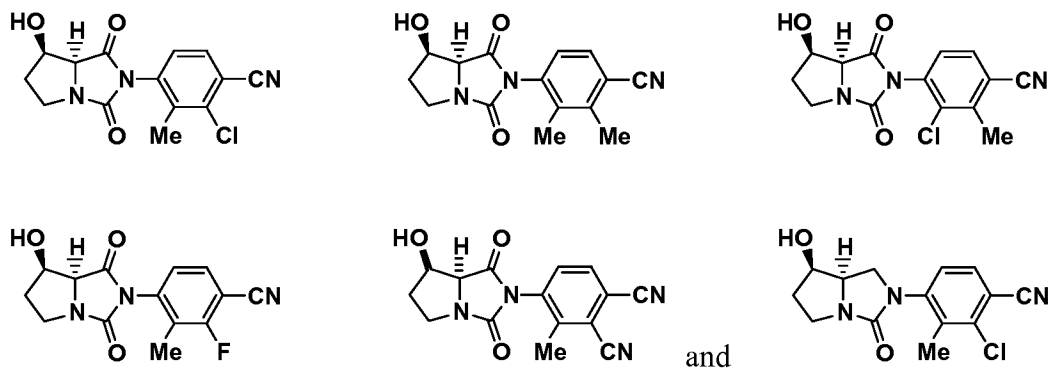


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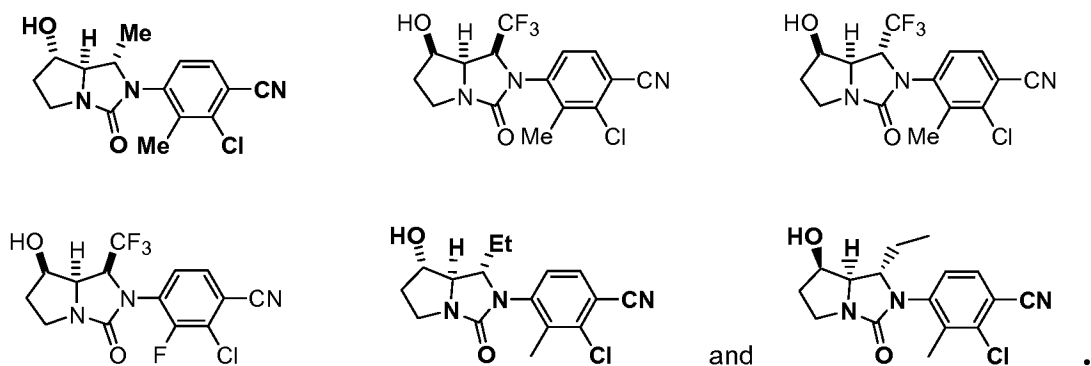


6. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 selected from:





7. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 selected from:



8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

- (a) a compound according to claim 1; and
- (b) at least one pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

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